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BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS

Baltimore, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that today U.S. District Judge Andre M. Davis sentenced Glenn Owens, age 43, of Baltimore, Maryland, to 15 years followed by 5 years of supervised release arising from his guilty plea on May 21, 2004 to charges of possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, commonly known as "crack," and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

According to an agreed statement of facts presented to the court, on April 1, 2003 Owens was stopped while operating a motorized scooter for failing to display registration tags, driving on the sidewalk and the wrong way on the road. After the stop the officer learned Owens did not have a valid driver's license. The officer then advised Owens that the vehicle would have to be towed. An inventory search revealed one loaded sawed-off rifle and 21 vials of cocaine base.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney George L. Russell, III.